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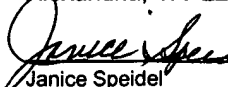
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On February 28, 2005 applicants filed a petition to adjust the term of patent extension for the subject patent. Applicants have heard nothing further from the PTO regarding this petition. Applicants respectfully request the status of the petition.

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